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MONTANA'S CHILDREN AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

INDIAN - WHITE CONFERENCES ATTRACT INTEREST

STATE DOCUMENTS

Members of the Buffalo Shield Society and the Browning Youth Group hosted an Indian - White Youth and Adult Conference at the Two Medicine Blackfeet Tribal Campground on August 13 - 15, 1971. Purpose of the conference was to acquaint the non - Indian with the Indian way of life on the reservations.

Some activities used to accomplish this purpose were: the Indian stick game and footraces which helped persons get acquainted; Indian "49" or social dances learned by both Indians and non - Indians; local Indian persons serving as resource persons on panels; and small group discussions where Indians and non - Indians were able to learn about each other.

Events that led up to this conference began in the Creative Education Workshop of the "Little White House Conference" at Lewistown in April 1970. Here Father Dave Bielefeld got an idea for some exchanges between Indian and White students.

He explored his ideas with individuals and the Montana Committee of the American Friends Service Committee. This resulted in an Indian - White Youth Conference held at St. Leo's School, Lewistown in November 1970.

Blackfeet youth attending the first conference decided to sponsor a follow-up conference on their reservation.

OPEN MEETING ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

On September 30 - October 1, 1971 the Montana Advisory Council on Vocational Education will sponsor a meeting in Helena geared to the general public and what it thinks vocational education should be doing.

Included in the program will be panel discussions, interaction groups, tour of the Helena Vo - Tech Center and a banquet address by Lawrence Davenport of Michigan who is chairman of the National Advisory Council on Vocational Education.

Write to William Ball, Executive Director of the MACVE, Box 1157, Helena, Montana 59601 for more information and if you expect to attend.

NATIONAL MEETINGS ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH ANNOUNCED

Focusing on White House Conference follow-up in the States, the National Council of State Committees for Children and Youth will hold its annual meeting September 26 - 28, 1971 in Washington, D.C. Also, The National Committee for Children and Youth has announced a "Citizen's Conference on Priorities and Action for Children and Youth" to be held in Washington, D.C. on December 2 - 5, 1971 in Washington, D.C. Write Gerry Fenn if you are interested in either of these meetings.

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MONTANANS ACTIVE IN WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCES

Children's Conference

"Montana's Delegates", the published reports of Montana's 20 delegates to the White House Conference on Children in Washington, D.C., includes recommendations for action and evaluation of the Conference.

Over 2000 copies of the publication have been distributed to Montana citizens. Some are still available from Gerry Fenn.

Report to the President

on the Children's Conference, including the full reports and recommendations of all 25 FORUMS, has been published.

Montana has a limited supply available from Gerry Fenn. The report may be purchased for $4.75 from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

WHCY Planning and Follow-up

Marty Elliott, now Mrs. Richard Thieltes of Chester, was one of the 16 members and the only woman on the Task Force on "The Draft, National Service and It's Alternatives". She met five times with the Task Force before the Conference.

Miss Thomasine Hill of Crow Agency, Chairman of the American Indian Council, is the only Montanan to serve on the WHCY Follow-up Advisory Committee of 40 persons. She went to the first meeting in Washington, D.C. on June 10, 1971.

Regional Implementation Conferences

Six regions of the United States were designated to tackle some of the issues of the Children's Conference and figure out how to implement solutions.

Seven Montanans went to the Southwest Regional Conference in Denver. Eight went to the Northwest Regional Conference in Seattle.

Results of the conferences were further discussion of issues and more ideas about how to improve the lives of children.

Youth Conference

Twenty-three Montanans attended the White House Conference on Youth in Estes Park, Colorado in April 1971.

Reports of 15 of these delegates were combined into a publication called "Montana's Delegates to the White House Conference on Youth", obtainable from Gerry Fenn.

WHCY Report

Delegates received a preliminary report of the Youth Conference with all recommendations from all Task Forces and caucuses.

The final published report to the President will be available soon.

National Conference of Christians and Jews Sponsors WHC Follow-up

In June, 1971 Miss Jean Peterson of Garneill and Mr. Rod Newman of Miles City attended a follow-up conference in Reno, Nevada. Emphasis was on juvenile delinquency problems in the Nevada area.

Miss Judy Visscher of Bozeman went to a July, 1971 Conference in Denver, Colorado which examined high school education. Participants were high school students, high school teachers, and parents of high school students. Ethnic minority persons made up a majority of those in attendance.

CREATION OF PUBLIC AWARENESS VIA TV SPECIALS AND SPOTS

In August, 1971 the Montana Advisory Committee on Children and Youth and KRTV in Great Falls produced five special reports on "What's New in the Youth Scene?" for use on KRTV amd asspcoated stations in Billings and Butte. Norma Ashby scheduled these five minute reports for her "Today in Montana" show as follows:

August 31 - Youth Involvement Fairs
- Linda Pimperton
- Maureen Sweeney
- Gerry Fenn

(Linda Pimperton, Maureen Sweeney > Belt)

September 1 - Roundup Teen Center
- Lee Ann Cross
- Tom Liggett
- Jerry Dalton

(Lee Ann Cross, Tom Liggett > Roundup)

September 7 - Indian - White Conference
- Rose Butterfly
- Wilbert Fish
- Joseph Butterfly
- Gerry Fenn

(Rose Butterfly, Wilbert Fish, Joseph Butterfly > Browning)

September 10 - Youth and Community Development
- Mary Peterson - Great Falls
- Jerry Dalton - Lewistown

September 16 - Youth and the 42nd Legislature
- Gerry Fenn
- Jerry Dalton

KRTV indicated interest in also using these special reports in some of their newscasts.

FARM AND RANCH VACATIONS

Providing opportunities for vacations on farms or ranches for a fee is a way for Montana families to: supplement their income; help bridge the urban - rural gap; and gain skills in dealing with the public.

For the eighth summer the Robert W. Miller family of Bozeman has had ranch-camping experiences for city youngsters. During the 1971 summer, five ranch families in Central Montana offered paid vacations for children from Kansas City.

If this kind of venture interests you, write for a brochure from "Vacations Down on the Farm in Ohio", 1828 Westwood Drive, Springfield, Ohio 45505. Or you may want to inquire about fees for advertising in the FARM AND RANCH VACATION GUIDE, 36 East 57th Street, New York, N.Y. 10022.

TV Spots on Child Growth and Development

Arrangements are also underway to work with the Film and Television Department, and the Child Development Center of the School of Home Economics at Montana State University to produce five public service spots of one to two minutes each for use on all Montana TV stations. Each spot would portray one concept related to child growth and development.

YOUTH APPOINTED TO ALCOHOL AND DRUG DEPENDENCE COMMISSION

Miss Jen E. Follett, a high school junior from Whitefish, is on the 14-member Montana Alcohol and Drug Dependence Commission. Governor Forrest H. Anderson appointed her in August 1971, for a six-year term.

Jen has served on the Family Life Council; been a counselor in a Cultural Awareness Program; and attended a drug training program.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS INVITE BOYS!

Camp Fire Girls, Inc. planned a series of five summer 1971 conferences to which boys 15 to 18 years were invited.

Conference sites were in Minnesota, Texas, California, Oregon, and Washington, D.C.

Topics included: awareness of society, people, morality, poverty, drugs, trees, air, dirt, school, love, hate, politics, war, peace!

Youth appointed to the Juvenile Delinquency Task Force of the Governor's Crime Control Commission include: Miss Pam Sutter of Helena and Mr. Steven Howlett of Arlee with Mr. Daryl Heinitz of Conrad as alternate. They meet in Helena once per month.

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In ceremonies at the South Dakota State University commencement on June 6, 1971, Miss Gerry Fenn became "Dr. Gerry" when her alma mater conferred upon her the honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities.

Several hundred youth met at the Lutheran Camp at Sequin for the ninth annual Texas Youth Conference.

Miss Janine Nesset, state officer of the Future Homemakers of America from Glendive and Mr. Lyle Toresdahl, Lewis and Clark County 4-Her from Helena attended as representatives of out-of-Texas youth groups.

This conference aimed to bring together members of different youth groups to tackle issues of concern to all.

MONTANA 4-C's COUNCIL FORMED

In July 1971, a State 4-C's (Community Coordinated Child Care) Council was formed. Members of the council elected Rev. James Cernohlavek of Miles City as their chairman. Jim, with Miss Vicki McHenry of Bozeman as alternate, represents MACCY on the Council. W.R. (Bob) Donaldson represents Helena Model Cities.

Purpose of the council is to help bring about constructive action to improve child care throughout Montana so that the needs of the State's children are more nearly met.

There are 16 delegates and 15 alternates on the council. Federal guidelines require the composition to be 1/3 consumers (including parents), 1/3 private organization representatives and 1/3 public agency persons.

Recommending staff persons to be hired to help carry out its purposes is a responsibiltiy of the Montana 4-C's Council.

Governor Forrest H. Anderson appointed two youth as delegates from Montana to the White House Conference on Aging in Washington, D.C. November 29 - December 2, 1971.

Miss Dulcie McLaughlin, currently employed by the Glacier County Department of Public Welfare at Cut Bank and Mr. Andy Braaten from Big Timber will represent Montana along with 14 adult delegates.

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VISTA workers, John and Barbara Wilkinson have been active in helping set up a program of Volunteers to the Courts in Montana.

Miss Kris Rader, a MACCY member from Lewistown, was a volunteer counselor at the annual, ten-day Junior Citizens Camp held south of Livingston in July for "pre-delinquent" youth.

Kris was also a resource staff person for the North Central Montana 4-H Junior Leader Camp held in the Bear Paw mountains in June.

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In the annual election, Mr. Sidney T. Smith became the third chairman of the Montana Council on Human Resources. Mr. Smith is Commissioner of Labor for Montana.

WRITE ROOM 507 - POWER BLOCK FOR NEW PUBLICATIONS

MACCY Brochure

Mr. Robin Evans of Butte designed the Logo for a brochure on the Montana Advisory Committee on Children and Youth. Content material came from ideas developed in small groups at the April 1971 MACCY meeting in Bozeman.

To create public awareness and encourage more persons to get involved, use this brochure in letters, meetings or group gatherings.

Mass Media

"Child Development and the Mass Media" is a report of FORUM 20 from the WHC on Children.

Youth's Role . . .

"Youth's Role With Adults in Creating Better Communities" has guidelines for ways youth and adults can work together in community development efforts.

Ask for this publication if you or your group are interested in getting youth and adults together.

Montana's Delegates . . .

Fifteen reports by Montana's delegates to the WHC on Youth are combined into one publication.

Use the ideas of our young citizens in action programs.

"Parenting Know-How"

This "Planning Guide for a Workshop on Parenting Know-How" is a workbook for those planning to provide experiences for parents, teachers and youth who work with younger children.

Preschoolers

Mrs. Jean Baringer of Conrad and the MSU School of Home Economics developed "Opportunities for Pre-School Children in Montana" which is a directory of day care and child development centers, nursery schools and headstart programs.

See leaflet #1d, "Materials to Help You" for additional publications.

JERRY OFF TO JAPAN

Jerry Dalton of Lewistown and student at Rocky Mountain College goes to Japan this fall for the Junior Year Abroad program. He will study at International Christian University in Tokyo.

Since March 1970, Jerry has served Montanans as Children and Youth Planning Assistant with Gerry Fenn -- on a part-time basis during the school year and full-time for two summers.

By means of interviews, he obtained information and prepared the publication, "Agencies and Groups with Human Resource Coordinating Functions in the Billings, Montana Area". He also spent January in Helena and prepared four issues of "Children and Youth Alerts" which reported on bills in the 42nd Montana Legislature affecting children and youth.

Jerry has helped with the planning and carrying out of numerous workshops; summarized data; consulted with youth and adults; and worked with many individuals and groups. He has shared and used his experiences as one of the 20 Montana delegates to the 1970 White House Conference on Children in Washington, D.C.

Recently, Jerry has helped develop a newsletter; a brochure on the Montana Advisory Committee on Children and Youth; a series of TV programs; and a pamphlet on "Youth's Role with Adults in Creating Better Communities".

Bon Voyage Jerry!

GIRL SCOUTS CONSIDER REORGANIZATION

Montana has four Girl Scout Councils. Miss Gerry Fenn is serving on a Task Force which is examining the kind of Girl Scout organization which will best serve the girls of the State.

ZONTA HELPS

Helena's Zonta Club contributed $10.00 which helped Miss Marjorie Krause with her expenses as delegate to the White House Conference on Youth in Estes Park.

FHA OFFICERS PLAN PROGRAM OF WORK

After returning from their national convention in Kansas City, Montana state officers of the Future Homemakers of America met in Bozeman to set up a program of work for the use of chapters throughout the State. Miss Gerry Fenn contributed some ideas from the White House Conferences.

MONTANA COMMITTEE OF AFSC ASSISTS

Members of the Montana Committee of the American Friends Service Committee have provided consultative help for those planning and carrying out Indian-White conferences in Montana.

Also, the AFSC has contributed funds to partially assist Indian delegates to the WHC on Children, as well as some financial help for the Two Medicine Conference.

Members of the Montana Advisory Committee on Children and Youth have participated in AFSC committee meetings in Lame Deer, Helena and Two Medicine.

4-H CONGRESS HAS "WE CARE" THEME

Clark Welch of Lewistown was a key leader in the "We Care" sessions at the 26th annual Montana 4-H Congress held in Bozeman in August, 1971. This state-wide event drew more than 600 youth and 150 adults.

Mr. Welch has assisted with many youth camps and events in Montana throughout the summer.

A BOOK WORTH READING

"The Lives of Children" by George Dennison, available in paperback, is a practical description of freedom in its relation to growth and learning.

NEWS OF CMHRC

New officers of the Central Montana Human Resources Committee are: Mr. Ted Cowan, chairman; Mr. Ron Hrubes, vice chairman; and Mrs. Jeanne Parker, secretary-treasurer.

Current projects of the committee are: obtaining more mental health services for Central Montana; conducting a "Youth Rap Session" on September 11, 1971; and sponsoring a parent's workshop.

"CRISIS IN PUBLIC EDUCATION" IS AAUW TOPIC

Eight of the fifteen Montana branches of the American Association of University Women have chosen "The Crisis in Public Education" as their study-action topic for 1971-72.

REMEMBER CON-CON

Children and youth in Montana have a big stake in the Constitutional Convention as their future will be affected.

The help of all citizens is needed to elect capable delegates and to assist in defining the issues with which the Constitution will deal.

BLACKFEET NUTRITION SEMINAR

Field workers from agencies operating on the Blackfeet Reservation participated in a nutrition seminar August 24 - 26, 1971. Miss Gerry Fenn led a half-day session on "Working With the Family".

ENCAMPMENT FOR CITIZENSHIP HELD IN GREAT FALLS

For the fourth summer, young people from diverse backgrounds and areas of the USA took part in a six-week Encampment for Citizenship in Great Falls. The 90 youth and staff held an Open House for the public on August 11, 1971.

MATERIALS
TO HELP YOU

Montana's Children and Youth Development Programs

SECTION I: One-page leaflets designed for use in Montana.

1 "Montana Council on Human Resources" and "The White House Conferences on Children and Youth, 1909-1970"

#1a "Monty-Annie 'n' Andy" discuss the White House Conference on Children and Youth and the Montana Council on Human Resources.

#1b "Multiplier Actions Check List" to help you decide upon actions related to the 1970-71 White House Conferences on Children and Youth.

#1c "Suggested Criteria for the Inclusion of Youth" and "Suggested Criteria for the Participation of Adults"

#1d "Materials To Help You"

2 "Guidelines for Youth Groups, Clubs, Organizations, and Programs"

3 "Guidelines for Women's Clubs, Groups, Organizations, and Programs"

4 "Guidelines for Service, Civic and Lodge Organizations, and Associated Women's Groups"

5 "Guidelines for Colleges and Universities"

SECTION II: Other Montana-related publications.

1. "Directory of Financial Assistance Available to Students in Montana for High School, Post-High School Education"

2. "Montana's Human Resources - Age and Sex Distribution," a circular based on 1960 census information.

3. "Montana's Report, 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth"

4. "Youth Opportunities in Montana," a survey of professional youth workers, youth organizations, and youth-serving agencies in Montana and the feasibility of coordinating their work.

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SECTION III: Publications prepared outside of Montana.

A. Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington, D.C. 20201.

1. "Federal Programs Assisting Children and Youth"

2. "Status of Planning for the 1970 White House Conference on Children and Youth," by Dr. Joseph H. Douglas.

3. "Principles for Youth-Adult Participation"

4. "Roundup," National Council of State Committees for Children and Youth.

5. "The Story of the White House Conferences on Children and Youth"

B. "NCCY Reporter and White House Conference News," National Committee for Children and Youth, Inc., 1145 Nineteenth Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

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SECTION II: Other Montana-related publications. (Continued)

5. "Releasing Human Potential" newsletters. Three were published in 1970 -- January, April, and September -- to give a view of children and youth activities in Montana.

6. Pamphlets

   # 1 "Being a Child in Montana Today" -- metaphors and similes for the Seventies.

   # 2 "Agencies and Groups With Human Resource Coordinating Functions in the Billings, Montana Area," by Jerry Dalton, Children and Youth Planning Assistant in Montana.

   # 3 "Group Work With Children," by Jerry Spalding, Homemaker, Department of Public Welfare, Park County, Montana.

7. "Central Montana Human Resources Committee" -- a summary of the work done from 1964 to the present.

8. "Innovations and Use of New Resources for Indian Education in Montana"

9. Data from workshops

   "Critical Issues Affecting Children and Youth in Sweetgrass County, Montana" - as seen by youth and adults.

   "Critical Children and Youth Health Issues in Montana" -- from the viewpoint of the State Health Department staff.

   "Dialogue on Environment" - a summary of the ideas of 45 youth and 45 adults in Central Montana.

   "Local, State or National Issues Affecting Children and Youth" -- as seen by college students and members of a political group.

SECTION III: Publications prepared outside of Montana. (Continued)

C. White House Conference on Children and Youth, Box 19, Washington, D.C. 20044.

   1. "The White House Conference on Children: A Progress Report," by Stephen Hess, National Chairman, White House Conference on Children and Youth.

   2. "An Annotated Bibliography on Children" -- selective list of literature published during the last five years in the United States.

   3. "White House Conference on Children" -- a brochure describing the conference.

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MACCY MEETS

Five meetings of the Montana Advisory Committee on Children and Youth have been held since the committee was formed in early 1970.

Following a policy of becoming acquainted with resources in various parts of Montana, meetings have been held in Helena, Whitefish, Miles City, Great Falls, and Bozeman. A Fall 1971 meeting is planned for Billings.

Meetings have been of a workshop nature, based on the principle of shared planning and leadership. Each meeting has consisted of five three-hour sessions, or a total of 15 hours.

Individual work, work with other groups, and Task Group work has been done between MACCY meetings. Members have served on MACCY at their own expense.

MHEA PANEL

Misses Behtine Bigej, Vicki McHenry, and Gerry Fenn and Mr. Jerry Spalding presented an audience involvement panel at the state convention of the Montana Home Economics Association in Bozeman in February, 1971.

This sharing of their experiences as delegates to the 1970 White House Conference on Children was video-taped for use in Home Economics classes at MSU.

MONTANA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RESOURCES HEARS REPORTS

Throughout the year the MCHR heard reports on children and youth problems and programs affecting Montanans. Included were reports on the White House Conferences by Mrs. Alice Berner, Wolf Point; Mr. Jerry Dalton, Lewistown; Mr. Henry Real Bird, Garryowen; and two students from other countries--Mr. Raine Mantysalo of Finland and Mr. Faisal Taha of the Sudan.

UNIVERSITY CLASSES

Miss Angelina Oberto and Dr. William R. Lessey at MSU had assistance from Miss Gerry Fenn with classes on Adult Education and Human Resource Development.

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT FAIRS

Booths on the: Roundup Teen Center, Central Montana Human Resources Committee, Future Homemakers of America, 4-H, Children's Theater, Self-Determined Projects, and Rocky Mountain College Rediscovery were a part of the "Youth Involvement Fair" staged at a four-county 4-H Senior Camp in the Judith Mountains in June, 1971.

Members of the Montana Advisory Committee on Children and Youth who participated were: Mrs. Ruth Amdor, Roundup; Mrs. Emma Peterson, Lewistown; Linda Pimperton, Belt; Marjorie Krause, Harlowton; Jerry Dalton, Lewistown; Opal Winebrenner, Fort Benton; and Arlynn Fishbaugh, Carter. They were assisted by others from their communities.

CHILDREN'S TELEVISION AND THE FCC

Hundreds of individuals, organizations, groups and committees across the country wrote to the Federal Communications Commission on the Notice of Inquiry into children's television, No. 19142.

The vast majority of the letters expressed concern and disappointment at the poor quality of commercial television programs for children, and protested the excessive selling to children.

Evelyn Sarson of ACT (Action for Children's Television) feels that the letters will have an effect on the final decision of the FCC.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WAS YOUTH CAMP THEME

Two Montana Farmers Union Senior Youth Camps were held in June 1971 on the theme, "Community Development." Campers explored many ways to improve communities by the cooperative efforts of youth and adults.

Resource persons included: community development consultants and leaders in communications, Hill County FORUM, Pondera Action Council, Green Thumb, State government, and MFU Board members.

EXAMPLES OF WAYS MACCY MEMBERS AND DELEGATES TO OUT-OF-STATE EVENTS HAVE SERVED AS RESOURCE PERSONS

Helena Youth - Adult Workshop

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Shining Mountain Girl Scout Council meeting in Butte.

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Workshops for Nutrition Assistants in Billings, Butte and Great Falls plus the Homemakers Service persons in Great Falls.

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District 4-H Leaders Conference in Big Timber.

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Local and state meetings of the Montana Branches of the American Association of University Women.

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Symposium for the faculty of the Montana State University School of Home Economics at Cooke City.

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Workshop of youth and adults at a meeting of the Pondera Action Council in Conrad.

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TV programs on KRTV Great Falls, KBLL Helena, KOOK Billings, KXLF Butte, KGVO - KTVM Missoula, KUMV Williston, N.D.

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Radio and newspaper interviews plus news releases to all daily and weekly papers, radio and TV stations.

Meeting with Indians for Development in Great Falls.

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Discussion of Children's Conference in Lithander home in Helena.

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Presentation at annual meeting of Montana Association for Mental Health in Missoula.

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Reports to the Montana Advisory Committee on Social Services in Helena.

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Participation in the Governor's Conference on Nursing and Nursing Education in Helena.

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Reports to local and district meetings of Extension Homemakers and of 4-H Clubs.

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Presentation at meeting of Helena Church Women United.

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Assistance with a curriculum workshop on "Making Home Economics Relevant to Indian Youth".

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Serving as staff members or for special programs at many different kinds of youth camps in Montana.

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